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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 16, 2004, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on March 16, 2005. A Petition and fee are included herewith for a one-month extension of time. Authorization to charge the appropriate deposit account is given in the accompanying transmittal. The Appl. No. 10/634,544 Amendment & Response to the Office Action of December 16, 2004

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 19-4882.

Amendment to the **Claims** is reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

Entry of the Amendments below and consideration of the Remarks that follow is respectfully requested.